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Subject: Permission to Represent Water Protectors

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To Ms. Penny Miller:

Out of state lawyers should be permitted to represent water protectors accused of crimes as long as those lawyers are in good standing in the state(s) where they practice and are sponsored by a local attorney admitted to practice in ND.

Attached is a sample Motion for Pro Haec Vice admission from the Southern District of Florida in an unrelated case which illustrates how out of state lawyers can be admitted solely for this limited purpose.

The court is permitted to charge these out of state lawyers a reasonable fee of \$75 for temporary admission to the state bar for the limited purpose of representing defendants in these cases.

Thus, this is an opportunity for the ND Courts to make some money while at the same time affording accused persons counsel. Truly a win-win situation for everyone.

Respectfully,

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